

The Weekly Banner

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SAN ANTONIO is soon to have a shirt factory.

A distinguished Russian refugee is now sojourning in Dallas.

The Government depot at San Antonio is rapidly approaching completion.

THERE are said to be sixty-eight Smiths in Houston, including the blacksmiths.

PAUL MORPHY, the noted chess-player, is an inmate of the New Orleans Insane Asylum.

The Legislature of South Carolina was convened yesterday by proclamation of Gov. Hampton.

THREE hundred employees of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington city, have been discharged.

Commodore Morgan will have the railroad extended from Cuero to Gonzales in time to take off the fall crop—say October 1.

It is said that Gov. Hampton has resented ten negro murderers, who have had the death sentence passed upon them by a Radical court.

THE Herald states that Col. Pedro Valdez, who recently made his escape from the Diaz authorities at Saltillo, and took refuge on this side of the river, has arrived in San Antonio.

THERE is talk now of reaching Babcock through the channel of a Court-martial, instituted by United States Military officers, who will do all in their power to bring this notorious whiskey ring thief to justice.

JUDGE K. B. SANDERS has resigned the office of District Judge, of the Waco District, and the members of the Waco bar have recommended to the Governor for appointment E. A. Jones, Esq., a resident of Waco, and a lawyer of superior ability.

THERE are only three inmates in the jail of Austin county. Few counties of the same population can say as much. One of the three parties in jail, is an old man who has been twice tried for murder, and the rulings of the District Court twice reversed.

STAGE robberies are becoming quite common in Texas. If passengers would provide themselves with a good supply of small artillery and give the rascals a few showers of bullets, it would do more than all the State police in the State to wards checking the evil.

WE have received the Western Chronicle, a paper published at Sutherland Springs, in Wilson county. It is a handsome sheet, and well edited by E. R. Tarver, Esq., a gentleman well known to many of our citizens. We wish it unmeasured success, and cheerfully enter it on our exchange list.

THE English speaking people ought to be the most progressive in the world, for in their many voluminous dictionaries of fifty and sixty thousand words, legitimate and doubtful, the word "false" is not to be found. No wonder they build so many railroads, and unite seas by canals.

THE San Antonio Herald learns that the Northern directorship of the International and Texas Pacific roads have decided not to make further extensions of their roads during the summer. The International will thereby forfeit its land grant for the number of miles required to be completed before July next.

JOHN B. LOVIE, sheriff of Limestone county, was killed at Shreveport, La., a few days since by negroes belonging to the Trammel gang of notorious negro desperadoes, whom he had arrested and was bringing back to this state. The negroes were immediately pursued, overhauled and killed by the sheriff's posse of Shreveport.

THE COTTON TAX.

A strong effort will be made in the next congress to have the tax unjustly and constitutionally assessed and collected on cotton, refunded to those who paid it. In the present temper of the two sections, it would seem to be a most opportune time to press this claim in behalf of the South. Impoverished as the South was by the results of the war, it was a most iniquitous tax. Languishing as the South is from poor crops and low prices, it would be a boon to her cotton planting people, if this tax, running through four years, we believe, should now be refunded to them. This measure should be urged on the attention of congressmen, by the press of the country. The farmers, the parties to be benefitted by the measure, are not the class to form rings to insure the restitution of that which was unjustly taken from them, and taken too at a time when they were not in a condition to bear the depletion, without ruinous consequences to their interests. Let the effort at restitution be made. Its return now would be beneficially felt by many of our impoverished farmers.

CROP PROSPECTS.

In our ride to and from Bellville, Friday and yesterday, we saw some beautiful crops. A few farmers on Kentucky Ridge and near Travis, have been seriously damaged by the grasshoppers. But their proprietors are not demoralized by the discouraging circumstance. They are planting over. The soil being in excellent condition for receiving the seed, the replant will make fast time in growing, and perhaps do better than the earlier planting.

On the plantation of Elder G. W. Harvey, we saw a field of corn yesterday, which was half thigh high, and some stalks nearly or quite hip high.

At and around Bellville the grasshoppers have done little or no damage. Gardens look beautiful, and are very forward. At the residence of Hon. J. P. Bell, where we dined Sunday, there were snap beans, English peas, and white head cabbage. We brought home with us a couple of potatoes grown by him, which are six inches in circumference, and four inches long.

Storm at Galveston.

The storm commenced Tuesday morning at 4:30, and at 5:45 had attained a velocity of 63 miles an hour. The rain poured down in juvenile cataraacts. The storm exhibited the same atmospheric phenomena that accompanied the terrible cyclone of Sept. 1875.

Many buildings were unroofed, and several blown down. Considerable damage was done to the shipping in the harbor.

No lives were lost, so far as heard from. The Galvestonian devotes two columns to an account of the disaster. The damage is variously estimated at from ten to fifty thousand dollars. That is a small item for Galveston, still she has the sympathy of friends in the interior.

STOCK CATTLE.—The Corpus Christi Gazette states that the large and rapid increase of late years in the stock in Western Texas has made it necessary to dispose of it in some way, and several persons have signified their intention of driving largely to Kansas and other markets this spring. Among the number Mr. T. H. Clark is mentioned. He will, we understand, place in charge of Mr. W. R. Colcord, a herd of eight hundred head, and it is the purpose of that gentleman to drive within a short time. A market or new feeding grounds must be found for the vast herds in western Texas.

At the last term, just closed, of the District Court of Grayson county, fifteen prisoners were sentenced to the penitentiary—the terms ranging from one to ten years. Lucy Chiles, convicted of complicity in the murder of her husband and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, and appealed to the Court of Appeals, affirmed the decision, and she now languishes in the State prison.

The Bellville Ball.

The attendance at this Ball, which was given last Friday evening in honor of the anniversary of San Jacinto, was large and intelligent. Every neighborhood in Austin county was represented on the floor. As many as four of the adjoining counties had their representatives. Waller was represented by J. H. Farr, of the Courier, and the Messrs. Peebles. Fort Bend had her Capt. J. C. Mitchell, and the honors for Colorado were gracefully done by Capt. T. C. Sholes, while Washington had Mr. Paul Fricke and Mr. H. E. Lockett. Only one of the fair ladies of Brenham was on the floor, and although we have not the honor of her acquaintance, we will be excused for feeling a little proud as we noticed that she was the observed of many eyes, and commanded marked attention.

There were only three veterans in the hall, Mr. John Ferrell, Capt. Reed, and Dr. Keams. They were the deserved centres of much delicate attention, which they received with a modesty characteristic of the brave and generous hearted men they are.

The supper was one of those nice affairs of the kind, which none can get up in better taste and more elegant style than can the fair ladies of Bellville.

The tenth anniversary of the day the ball was intended to honor and commemorate, will find Brenham and Bellville united by rail, and pleasant reunions will be a matter of easy accomplishment.

The Austin Statesman, compliments Hon. Seth Shepard, of Washington county, by calling him the coming man of the Fifth Congressional District. The compliment is well deserved, as Mr. S. is certainly becoming the most promising young man in the District.—Galvestonian.

There is no becoming or coming about it. He has arrived, and is firmly fixed in the deliberate judgment of the people as the man destined to reflect credit on his State. Washington county is proud of the honor of having given a Shepard to the State flock.

A disgusted drummer from the West, who broke down in LaGrange, avenged himself by writing a satire on the Texans, which is published in the Record. The following is the last stanza:

Oh! land of great promise not fulfilled,
What a great country this might be if
The people would,
With corn bread and bacon, men
have enough,
And the women get happy over a bottle
of snuff.
Good bye, Texas!

If that drummer's temper is as uneven as his stanzas, we are glad he said good bye, and hope he will stay away.

A FIT of economy has at last seized the conscience of the members of the Tennessee Legislature, and a reduction of salaries is announced as in order, and a bill passed reducing the salary of the Governor from \$4,000 to \$3,000; Supreme Court Judges from \$4,000 to \$3,000; Judges of inferior courts and all special Judges from \$2,500 to \$2,000. The bill, after it receives the promised signature of the Governor, goes into effect after the next general county election.

THE Williamson county Record devotes nearly a column to an account of a picnic held recently near Georgetown. The oaks were venerable and grand, and their shades grateful. The clear waters of the brook went bubbling "on, in their long winding way to the sea," and the liquids of the springs were pure and translucent. But Nat failed to tell his readers how these waters tasted. Perhaps he didn't taste them.

CONTRACTORS and builders should bear in mind that their bids for building an addition to the Court House at Bellville, must be put in by the 14th of May. The proposals are published in the WEEKLY BANNER, to which we invite their attention.

The District Attorney has been ordered by Secretary Sherman, to proceed in civil suits against whiskey ringers, who claim immunity on account of turning State's evidence.

PREPARE FOR THE FEAST.

The Volksfest to-day, we trust, will be participated in by all our citizens. For to-day and to-morrow, let business cares be locked out of the heart, and customers locked out of the stores. A man who devotes his time and energies to business, through the year, can well afford to give himself and his employees a brief respite from the cares, fatigues and labors of life, and enjoy the invigorating tonic afforded by pleasant recreation. Such a course, may save a Doctor's bill. The human machinery requires occasional relaxation. It will not do to keep the bow always bent. It is attempted, as every body knows who remembers his boyhood pastimes, the bow soon loses its elasticity, and becomes useless property. So too, man to retain his best powers, mental and physical, unimpaired, must sometimes check up.

Then let us all to-day, Americans, Germans and their descendants, throw ourselves on the bubbling stream so invitingly prepared for our passage into the rosy realms of pleasure, and enjoy, without stint, a generous, soul inspiring respite from "carking care."

Long may the Volksfest be observed and honored among our people, and thoroughly interwoven with our customs.

Since the new road law of Texas went into operation, it is surprising to see how much age decrepitude has been developed. We know of several old widowers and bachelors, who have heretofore been in the habit of painting their mustaches and hair, and calling themselves thirty to thirty-five years of age, who now are as gray as badgers, and claim to be over age for work upon the public highways. The burden of their song is "Darling, I am growing old," and they seem to be glad of it.—Palestine News Era.

Bad enough. But not as bad as for able bodied men in the meridian of their days to get a certificate of exemption from road duty on account of disability. It is a common thing for most men to "shirk" public duty, but we never heard of one who considered himself unfit for the "Legislator."

GOLD.—Considerable surprise is expressed by business men at the continued advance in the price of gold, pending the unsettled condition of European affairs. In the event of war in Europe, the influx of gold to this country will be unparalleled, for the reason that our exports will be much larger in the shape of supplies, thereby necessitating a corresponding increase in the quantity of gold in America.

UPOON the re-assembling of Congress, about the first business of importance that will command the attention of that Honorable body, will be the election of a speaker of the House, and it is to be hoped that there will be no compromise in the business, and that a Democrat may be elected to the position.

It is asserted that of the fifty-eight signers of the declaration of the Independence of the Texas Republic, but four are living, to-wit: Edwin Waller, of Hempstead, Waller county; J. W. Burton, of Hayes county; W. B. Scates, of Colorado county, and Chas. B. Stewart, of Montgomery county.

At Denison, last Tuesday, the restoration of the fair State of Louisiana from the rude grasp of the despoiler was duly celebrated by the firing of a double salute of twenty-one guns, precisely at twelve o'clock. Flags were also run up on the principal buildings in the city.

HON. W. S. COLEMAN, of Harrison, Hon. B. H. EPPERSON and Hon. H. T. CAMPBELL, of Marion county, have been appointed as special State's attorneys by the Governor for the prosecution of Abe Rothchilds charged with the murder of Bessie Moore.

A writ of sequestration has been issued against the Louisiana Lottery, on account of failure to pay over to the State its quarterly installment of \$10,000.

THERE are said to be upwards of 100,000 head of sheep in Bell county.

Two lads in Boston, aged six and seven years old, quarreled at play the 21st inst, when the six year old chap remarked "I'll fix you," and went for his father's six shooter, one barrel of which he emptied in the temple of his little companion. The teacher of that six year old must have been an adept in teaching "the young idea how to shoot." If the misfortune had occurred in Texas, instead of moral Boston, what a fine text it would have been for enlarging on the depravity of the Southern people.

THE SCRANTON (Pa.) Times has a conundrum. It says: "Chamberlain insists that it leaves South Carolina penniless. Would it be impertinent to inquire which way he means that?" Of course it means what it implies, and what is strictly true. The State is penniless. He is too patriotic to care anything for himself.

HIGH-WAY lobbies are becoming two common in some parts of Northern and Western Texas. A liberal application of hemp and blue whistlers, we imagine, would have a very satisfactory effect upon these scoundrels.

HAIL STORM.—A destructive hail storm visited Austin on Tuesday night, greatly damaging the fruit and crops, smashing the glass out of the windows of the courthouse and other buildings in the city.

Postmaster-General Key voted against removing the troops from South Carolina.—Ez.

And yet he claims to be a Democrat. But, we imagine that purgatory is full of just such Democrats as Key.

It is estimated that the fruit crop of Texas for the present year will be great, larger than ever known before in the state, while the wheat crop will be ten per cent. less than last year.

SPIRITUALISM. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge, spiritualistic mediums, are creating considerable excitement among the good people of Denison. Where is Baldwin?

MAJOR JONES is said to have succeeded in arresting twenty-three of the most daring and lawless desperadoes in Kimble county.

THE San Antonio merchants talk of erecting a building on the fair grounds near that city, in which to exhibit their goods.

REPORT has it that Lieut. Hall's command of Rangers have been ordered to the Rio Grande.

COMPTROLLER Darden decides that every sewing machine agent is required to pay occupation tax.

JUDGE SPOFFORD, Democrat, has been elected United States Senator from Louisiana.

THERE are said to be 6000 female members belonging to the Grange order in Texas.

In the first few days of warm weather the temptation to begin garden operations tends to get the better of a prudent regard for the condition of the soil. Too much care cannot be used to prevent the working of ground that is at all sticky. The baking that will result will injure the soil for years. Ground stirred wet late in fall or in mid winter will take little, if any, harm, as the freezing before hot or dry weather comes prevents the caking, but if once "puddled" and so dried several winters' frost will be required to reduce the brick-like mass to friability.

Governor Robinson, of New York, surprised the Legislature of that State, which rejected the nomination of Gen. McClellan, by his veto of the bill in relation to the superintendent of public works. It will require a two-thirds vote to pass the bill over the Governor's veto, which it is supposed the Republicans will not be able to command. In his veto Governor Robinson charges the Senate with having defeated Gen. McClellan from motives of extreme partisanship.

You say consumption cannot be cured. It can, by this new principle, new way, Dr. J. H. McLean's cough and lung healing globules. The healing gas inhaled, stop tubercular irritation and cure coughs, colds, hoarseness, consumption or any diseases of throat or lung. Trial boxes by mail 25c. Dr. J. H. McLean's office, 314 Chestnut street, St. Louis, Mo.

The Tax Law.

The new tax laws, enacted by the last Legislature, are but little known; and for the benefit of tax-payers we give it below:

1. The collector makes reports and remittance quarterly.
2. The collector must post lists of delinquents at the courthouse door and two other places in the county; sixty days afterwards he can seize upon and sell lots and land, or sufficient to pay the taxes due thereon.
3. Before the day of sale property must be advertised in a newspaper in the county for 3 weeks. If no newspaper, notice must be posted thirty days at the courthouse door.
4. It a city lot, enough shall be taken off the corners in a square to satisfy the claim.
5. The property can be purchased by individuals, or the state, county or city.
6. After the sale the collector is empowered to give deed, which shall be good.
7. The owner of city lots or lands has two years from the day of sale in which to redeem property, by tendering to the purchaser, his heirs, assigns or representatives, double the amount bid and paid by him.
8. The collector cannot distract till after the 1st of March succeeding the assessment on which tax dues are claimed. He cannot seize or sell lands or lots for taxes due for 1876 until after March 1st, 1877.
9. The homestead cannot be sold for taxes prior to the date of the Constitution of Texas, but can for the tax of 1876.
10. City collectors have the same powers, and are governed by the same rules as county collectors.
11. Owners may claim to pay back taxes upon the assessments of 1876.

COMMUNICATED.

Hockley April 24th 1877.

San Jacinto day was not particularly observed by the citizens of this little village except to give the train that brought the fireboys a hearty greeting, though it is named in honor of the gallant captain of artillery, Hockley, who was placed in charge of the "Twin Sisters" and who we well know was an efficient and brave officer. Only the almost incessant clatter of lumber handling, was as usual heard. "Remember the Alamo, Remember Goliad" was not heard upon the streets at all during the day.

However, Hockley is preparing for another grand effort with her "Dramatic club" on the evening of May 1st, Mr. Murry will give us a rendition of "Dead Shot," and will reappear in the charming Vandeville entitled "The loan of a lover." We anticipate even a greater success than before, and would like to see Brenham represented; a ticket can be secured for the senior or junior of the BANNER, and we hereby invite your severest criticisms.

The grasshopper panic had visibly affected the lumber business in all its departments, orders had ceased, wagons could not be paid because lumber makers did not feel like making large shipments on the prospect of a crop; the mill man could not run without a certain amount of cash orders, consequently as much uneasiness has been felt here as in the more immediate farming region.

Dr. Rivers' "timid" companions in danger, and crises of great bodily exposure, should now rally to his standard, and enable him to sustain the reputation he has heretofore enjoyed of gallant repartee.

Fine rains have visited this entire section of country, over which the farmers are jubilant, crops are unusually late but looking very pretty.

NOM DE PLUME.

THE Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the \$1,500,000 appropriated to the Centennial, reverts to the United States, and was not the property of the stockholders. This reverses the decision of the lower court and depresses Centennial stock over fifty per cent.

The cotton crop of 1876-7 is estimated in round numbers, at 4,400,000 bales. The crop will hardly exceed those figures it indeed it reaches them.

A huge rhinoceros got loose in the steamer Colon in a stop off Cape Hatteras, and killed two dogs and a horse before being recaptured. It seemed to be enraged by the rocking of the vessel, but became tractable when a calm ensued.

Hampton wears black. Two sons of Gov. Brown, of Georgia, will choose farming for life.

The medical college at Macon, Georgia, has been sold at sheriff's sale.

The present taxable property of Texas is officially given at \$300,000,000. The total State debt is \$4,254,717.

BRENNHAM VOLKSFEST

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
APRIL 27th and 28th, 1877,
—ON THE—
FAIR GROUNDS.

The festivities will open with a procession of DECORATED WAGONS to the grounds, where Orations in German and English will be delivered.

The amusements will consist of
Prize Games for Children,
Gymnastic Exercises,
Music, Vocal and Instrumental,
Fire Works, &c.

Two Brass Bands will be in attendance during the Fest.

Dancing
EVERY EVENING ON THE
MAMMOTH PLATFORM.
ALL ARE INVITED.

H. HODDE, President.
C. F. WEBER, Secretary.

Societies or parties with Decorated Wagons, wishing to participate in the Procession, will please address the Secretary. Mar. h. 30.

ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS:
25 cents a piece each day.
Admission to the Dancing Pavilion:
25 cents for gentlemen each evening.

Railroad Fare—One and one-half fares for the round trip to visitors of the Volksfest. The tickets to be good from April 20th to April 22nd, inclusive.

A. STELZIG,
SADDLER
—AND—
Harness Manufacturer,

Cor. Sandy and St. Charles Sts.
BRENNHAM, TEXAS.

SADDLES, Harness, Whips, Spurs, Girths, Belts, Collars, Hames, Traces, Saddle Bags, &c., always on hand for sale. Repairing a specialty. All work warranted.

Also owner for one-half of Washington co., of the "Missouri Patent Bee Hive," comprising that portion lying North of the Central Railroad. Farm rights, with one hive, \$10.00. Profit \$10.00.

Notice in Probate.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff, or any Constable of Washington county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published at least once a week for four weeks successively in the Brenham BANNER, a newspaper regularly printed in the county of Washington, the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To all persons interested in the welfare of James and Jennie Durbin, minors; C. A. Durham, guardian of said minors, has filed in the County Court of Washington county, an application for an order of Court to sell at private sale for cash, an undivided interest of from 400 to 600 2/3 acres of land, part of the lower half of the Elijah Caples headright, situated in Travis county, belonging to said minors, which will be heard at the next term of the County Court, commencing on the

Third Monday in May, 1877.
At the Court house thereof, in the city of Brenham, at which time all persons interested in said guardianship may appear and if they see proper, show cause why such sale should not be made.

Herein fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this writ made due return. Issued the 6th day of April, 1877.

Witness, H. M. Lewis, Clerk of said Court, and the seal thereof, at office, in the city of Brenham, the 6th day of April, 1877.

H. M. LEWIS, C. C. & C. W. C.

Thereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original filed in my hands.
J. H. HURSTON,
Sheriff W. C.

By T. W. CHAFFIN, Deputy.
April 13th, 1877-4w

Estray Notice.

Taken up by J. S. Landerdale, and estrayed before T. O. Hyman, J. P. Precinct No. 3, Washington county, on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1877, two horses described as follows, to-wit: One a gray horse about ten years, branded (55) on the left shoulder, and about 15 and 1 1/2 hands high; The other a sorrel with a star in his face and about ten years old, about 13 hands high, has been advertised (19) for his brand, but it is so blurred that the brand is not readable, but looks like E. P. Both valued at \$45.00.

Taken up by P. H. Barnhill, and estrayed before T. O. Hyman, J. P. W. C., on the 12th day of March, 1877, one Ox, brown and white pided, marked crop and under half crop in each ear, and upper bit in the right, branded JF in a circle, the JF connected on the hip.

One Cow, brown and white pided, marked split in each ear, branded on the hip but cannot be read, with a calf red and white.

All appraised at \$25. ap 13

A. D. HANTESTAD'S
—NEW LIVERY—
SALE AND FEED STABLE,
(Weibach's old stand) Sandy St.
Horses boarded for \$10.00 per month. Single feed 25cts.
Buggies, Carriages and Hacks for hire.
Transportation furnished to neighboring towns. nov 30k wif

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SPRING AND SUMMER
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H. BLOOMBARGH'S.

Everything new and novel and at prices lower than ever.

1200 pieces latest styles calico at eight cents per yard.
300 pieces French Percale, 1 yard wide at 10 cents.
150 pieces Fancy Lawns, 15 cents up.

A complete line in black Grenadines, white goods, Linens, Embroideries, Gloves, Corsets, &c., at reduced prices. Trimmed and untrimmed Hats, Artificial Flowers, &c. Ladies variety in

LADIES LINENS.

At prices less than they can have them made for.

Parasols, full line, 25 cents upwards.

Gentlemen will find a complete line in latest styles and nobbier—
Clothing, Hats, Shirts, Cravats, Gloves, &c., very low.

Special care has been taken in selecting first quality in Ladies, Miss and childrens Siles and Slippers, in calf, kid, morocco, &c., my own make.

Sole Agent Domestic Paper Fashions, Robert's Honor Steel Sissors, Gold Eye Needles.

Everything Guaranteed!

Country orders promptly filled.

—Don't forget the Place—
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Look Out For Bargains!

A. Simon

Is now in receipt of his stock of

Wool & Winter

Goods.

Consisting of
Ladies' and Gents' furnishing goods, ready made clothing, Alpaca, linens, jaconets, domestics, jeans, doekings, cambrics, sheetings, corsets, boots, shoes and hosiery, hats, gloves and underwear, in endless variety, which I am now offering cheap for the ready cash. The goods are bound to be sold. Give me a call if you are in search of bargains.

We have a fine assortment of

FURNITURE

and defy competition, either in style or price.

Groceries,

cheaper than ever. We do only a cash business. No trouble to show goods. Call and see us.

A. SIMON.
Brenham, Texas, Sept. 1876.

Mrs. J. S. Forton

Announces to the public, that she has received her

Spring Millinery,